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Applicant: John Smit

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REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION DATED JANUARY 10, 2003

In reply to the office action mailed January 10, 2003 ("Office Action"), please amend the application as indicated on the following pages. Applicant asks that all claims be allowed in view of the amendment to the claims and remarks contained on the following sheets, a total of 7 pages.

Enclosed is a \$930 check for the Petition for Extension of Time fee. Please apply any other charges to Deposit Account No. 06-1050, referencing Attorney's Docket No. 08106-004001.

Respectfully submitted,

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